

# EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: <b>Formal Reciprocity Certification</b>		
Regulatory Authority: <b>12VAC5-31-1590</b>		
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- A. **Formal Reciprocity** - Formal recognition will be granted to applicants holding valid certification from any other state or a recognized EMS certifying body with which Virginia has a formal written agreement of reciprocity. Full certification will be issued to persons for a period not less than the expiration date displayed on the applicable certificate of training and no longer than the certification period issued at this certification level in Virginia, upon:
1. Demonstration that the applicant meets the requirements of Sections **12VAC5-31-1450** and **12VAC5-3310-1460** as applicable for the certification level requested.
  2. Demonstration of a need for certification in Virginia.
  3. Submission to the Office of copies of certificates or other documentation of courses of training completed.
  4. Submission of a completed "Virginia EMS Training Program Enrollment" form. This completed form must accompany the certificate of training issued by the other state when forwarded to the Office.
  5. Reciprocity may be used only to gain a certification level when the individual does not hold current Virginia certification at that level and the individual is no longer eligible for Re-Entry.
- B. Reciprocity is currently available for issuance of equivalent Virginia certification based upon the following certifications:
1. EMT-Basic certification issued by the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania.
  2. EMT-Intermediate/99 certification issued by the National Registry of EMTs.
    - a. National Registry Certification obtained by completing a program not accredited by the state of Virginia will require the applicant to demonstrate eligibility to obtain that states certification at the level for which is applied for in Virginia by completing the appropriate form.
    - b. Virginia certification eligibility will qualify the applicant through reciprocity only if the applicant is eligible for state certification equivalent to the level applied for in Virginia.
  3. EMT-Paramedic certification issued by the National Registry of EMTs.

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- C. Reciprocity is not currently offered at the EMS First Responder, EMT-Enhanced, EMT-Shock Trauma or EMT-Cardiac certification levels.